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MEMORANDUM ON MRS. W.L. STANLEY (NEE REIDER).

Eugenie Alice Stanley nee Reider is a Russian Jewess born on June 29, 1896 at Kiev, South Russia. She is the daughter of Abram Itskovitch Reider, native of Herson, South Russia, a merchant by occupation. It is reported that he resided in Harbin until 1925 when he came to Shanghai. For the past few years he has been residing together with his wife at Tsingtao where he works as a salesman on commission basis. It is rumoured that he was formerly engaged in the smuggling of narcotics.

The Reider family are relatives of I. Soolevitch, Soviet citizen, who came to the notice of the Municipal Police as the proprietor of boarding-houses which he conducted at various addresses in the Settlement from 1924 to 1932 and which were patronized almost exclusively by Soviet agents and employees of local Soviet concerns. Morris I.

Soolevitch, his son, was employed with the Shanghai branch of the Chinese Eastern Railway from 1926 till 1930, following which he established the "Union Steamship Agency", No. 51 Canton Road. He maintains close business relations with local Soviet commercial institutions. He is suspected of being a Soviet intelligence agent. Mrs. Olga Rosenbloom, the daughter of I. Soolevitch, has a somewhat doubtful reputation and is known to be connected with certain shady characters locally.

While in her 'teens Eugenie A. Reider was sent by her parents from Harbin to Shanghai where she entered the Public School for Girls. It is reported that she was expelled from that institution at the age of about 16 years for immoral conduct. Some time later she married a French merchant residing at Tientsin, Raymond Marcel Tantot. On January 14, 1924 she obtained a divorce by decree of the French Consular Court at Tientsin, following which she

resumed her maiden name J.A. Reider (or G. Reyder or G.M. Ryder).

She reappeared in Shanghai in 1926 and from 1927 till 1931 conducted a boarding-house first at No.720 Avenue Joffre and later at No.31 Carter Road. In 1931 she opened a Ladies' Dressmaking Shop under the name "Piccadilly", No.127-A Seymour Road, which she sold in 1932 to Mrs. A. Hancock owing to bad business. During that period she bought on credit various materials from the Femina Silk Store, No.1017 Bubbling Well Road, owned by one Zalmanoff, for the sum of M.\$217.72. In payment of her debt she issued a worthless cheque dated November 20, 1930 on the Shanghai Commercial & Savings Bank, No.50 Ningpo Road, and for the rest of the sum signed eight chits, which she also failed to meet. In connection with this matter Zalmanoff brought a civil suit against Reider at the Shanghai Special District Court. On 14.5.32 judgment was given for the plaintiff, who later applied for and in October 1932 obtained execution order from the same court. On November 10, 1932 Zalmanoff accompanied by the French Police visited the Mei Tsei Silk Shop, No.10 Avenue Dubail, where Mrs. Reider was employed at that time. She could not be found and it was later ascertained that she was a French citizen and therefore not amenable to Chinese jurisdiction. The complainant then dropped the case. It appears that Reider still has many further outstanding debts.

It is reported that in 1930 Mrs. Reider became the paramour of W.L. Stanley, who at that time was employed as a probationary sergeant in the S.M.P. and to whom she was eventually married on December ¹³21, 1932 at the local British Consulate-General. Shortly before his marriage Stanley won \$3,000 in a lottery and it would appear that this was the big attraction to the woman. On December 9,

~~was dismissed~~
1932 Stanley resigned from the Police and through the medium of his wife obtained employment with the Union Steamship Agency, No.51 Canton Road, owned by Morris Soolevitch, Mrs. Stanley's cousin.

On January 6, 1933 Mrs. Stanley applied for a British passport at the local British Consulate-General. In the application form she stated that she had been born on June 29, 1903 at Amiens, France.

In February 1933 Mrs. Stanley borrowed \$700.00 from the Shanghai Finance Company, No.38 Avenue Edward VII, her husband and Morris Soolevitch acting as guarantors. She failed to pay back this money in due time with the result that Soolevitch paid \$300 representing that part of the loan for which he had guaranteed. For the remainder \$400 Mr. Paul Premet, owner of the Shanghai Finance Company, sued Mrs. Stanley in the British Court.

Since March, 1933 the Stanleys have been residing at No.52 Verdun Terrace. When signing the agreement for these premises Stanley gave his place of employment as the Union Steamship Agency. The rent is usually paid 2-3 months in arrears. Stanley was re-engaged by the Municipal Police on December 13, 1933. Recently, on seeing in the Municipal Gazette that Stanley, on September 19, 1934, had been dismissed from the force for gross misconduct and serious breach of discipline, Algar & Co., agents for No.52 Verdun Terrace, sent a letter to him requesting payment of 3 months' rental in arrears. The following day Mrs. Stanley called at the office of Algar & Co. and in a very excited manner informed them that they might set their mind at rest as regards the payment of the rental because her husband had already obtained employment with the Union Steamship Agency. Enquiries at Algar & Co. show inter alia that several

complaints have been received by the company from the Stanleys' neighbours against Mrs. Stanley who is said to be a very insolent and arrogant individual.

Mrs. Stanley is reported to be very friendly with Mrs. O. Rosenbloom and with an American named Leonie C. Thibau, who resides at Rosenbloom's house, No.24 Verdun Terrace.

In connection with Mrs. Stanley's application for passport facilities, the following points are more than significant, indicating that she made certain false statements in order to obtain the passport.

1. She states that she was born at Amiens, whereas it is definitely known that her birth place was Kiev, South Russia.
2. Her date of birth she gives as 29.6.1903 whilst at the local French Consulate-General where she was formerly registered, she declared that she was born on 29.6.1896. In addition, information shows that she is over 40 years old.
3. She declared on her application for marriage that her father's name was Alex, but our enquiries show that this is not correct, his proper name being Abraham.

She holds British Passport No.9521 dated 9.1.33.

Mrs W.L.Stanley (nee "Aider")

In 1931 Mrs W.L.Stanley acting obviously on request of her relative M.I.Soulewich attempted to obtain confidential information from SMF Special Branch Files re Soviet activity etc through her husband W.L.Stanley, British at that time employed with SMF Headquarters. It was discovered and Stanley was dismissed from SMF on December 8, 1932 and through the medium of his wife obtained employment with the Union Steamship Agency No 51 Canton Road, owned by Morris I.Soulewich her relative. a well known Soviet Agent.

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Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE.
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, 18 - 10 - 1934.

To Mr. S.B.

The attached memorandum
on Mr. Stanley was com-
piled by D.S. Tchernomshansky,
Mr. Henry, passport officer,
H.B.M. Cons. His request to
be supplied with a copy.

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File under her
present & past names.
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.....

S.I, Special Branch. ~~Section~~

REPORT

Date June 30, 1938.

Subject Anna A. Hancock (Mrs.), proprietress of Luebbert's Pharmacy,
169 Nanking Road.

Made by D.S. Hide

Forwarded by.....

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One of the two assistants at present employed at Luebbert's Pharmacy, is a Russian named O.G. Shasolin of 1160 Bubbling Well Road. Owing to the short notice at which this report has been made nothing is at present known regarding the other assistants.

So far as can be ascertained none of the above persons have any pharmaceutical qualifications.

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D.C.(Special Branch)

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NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS, Nov. 5, 1939

NOTICE

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY INFORMED that
Mr. J. WAILER MAGISTR, Pharmacy (University Vienna) has taken
charge of our Dispensing Department.
All prescriptions are filled under his
personal supervision.

LUEBBERT'S AMERICAN
PHARMACY

Successor: A. Hancock
169 Nanking Road. Tel. 12850-12859

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*W. Heaney informed recently
as per E. C. instruction*

June

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Sir,

I forward herewith for your information
a copy of report regarding Mrs. Anna Hancock and
Luebbert's Pharmacy.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner
(Special Branch)

R. S. Heaney, Esq., M.B.E.,

Passport & Registration Office,

H.B.M. Consulate-General,

Shanghai.

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Date

(Crime Branch) Office Notes

June 25th 1938

D.C.Crime.,

Sir:-

Mr Heaney M.B.E. (H.B.L. Registration Office) requests
any information in possession of Police re the antecedents of
Messrs Luebbert's Pharmacy, ^{and the} Proprietress a Mrs Hancock.

Two of the foreign assistants therein are said to be
unqualified.

Yours Obediently,

Wm MacDonnell
RA.

D.C. Heaney
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